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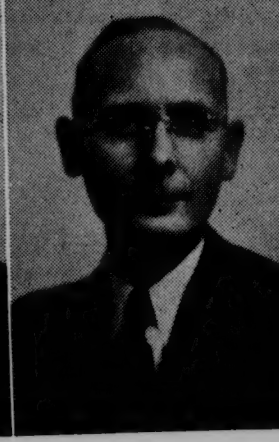
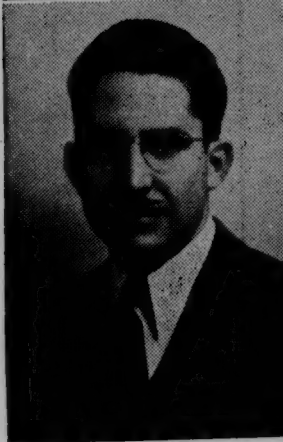
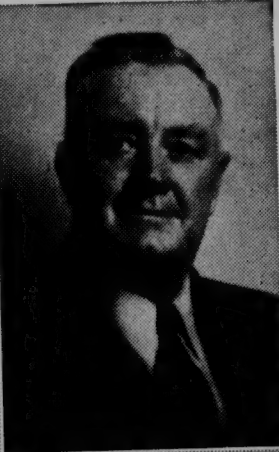
## OAKLAND WARD IS REORGANIZED

After 4½ year of faithful service as bishop of Oakland ward, John G. Shields was honorably released with a vote of thanks at the ward conference held Sunday, December 26th. Angus H. Norberg, who has been serving as first counselor since May, 1935, was sustained as the new bishop.

Bishop Shields, whose health has been poorly for several months, has a long record of Church service, and, to use his own words, is "not through yet." Born February 3, 1882, in Tooele, Utah, the eldest son in a family of ten (all of whom are married, have families and are still living) he was reared to manhood on a farm. He was educated in the public and high schools of Utah, with one year in the L. D. S. College. He served under Ben E. Rich in the Southern States Mission from 1904 to 1906. He was married in 1908 to Annie M. Searle; they have seven children. From the time he returned from his mission until 1920 he was engaged in mine and smelter work. In 1921 he came to California and entered the grocery business, then general building. He has the distinction of having helped construct most of the skyscrapers in San Francisco and Oakland. For the past few years he has been a liquor control officer for the State of California. Since coming to Oakland he has been a Sunday School teacher, counselor to former Bishop Carr, member of the Stake Sunday school board, and member of the high council.

Ralph S. Barney, who has been his second counselor since July, 1935, was also released with a vote of thanks for splendid service. He was born July 6, 1909 in Ogden, and was left an orphan when 12 years old. He served in the Northern States Mission from 1929 to 1932, and was then called back in 1933, taking charge of the Church booth at the Chicago world's fair. When the fair reopened in 1934, he was again pressed into service. When released from his work he came to Oakland, late in 1934. He was married April 6th, 1935, to Fern Bagley.

Bishop Norberg enters upon his duties well qualified by a varied experience to be the head of the oldest branch in the State of California. A native of Ogden, Utah, reared on a farm, active from earliest youth in Priesthood duties, he filled a mission to the Southern States from 1922 to 1924, most of the time in the east Tennessee conference, the last ten months as its president. Upon his return he became member of the M.I.A. superintendency in his ward (Forest Dale), and secretary and later counselor in the presidency of his Elders' quorum. In 1929 he was married to Katherine McAfee. They have two children. Moving to Highland Park ward, he served five years in the



At left, Ralph S. Barney and Bishop John G. Shields.

Below, Reid H. Chase, 1st Counselor, Bishop Angus H. Norberg, John Rulon Doxey, 2nd Counselor.



superintendency of the M.I.A. In 1934 he moved to San Francisco, and a few months later to Oakland, where he served one year as superintendent of the M.I.A., being released to become Bishop Shield's first counselor. Prior to coming to California he attended and was graduated from the University of Utah in 1929; worked for the First Security Trust Company until 1932, then became an accountant for the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation until 1934. He is now chief accountant for the Berkeley Bank for Cooperatives, a division of the Farm Credit Administration.

Sustained as his first counselor was Reed H. Chase who has lived in Oakland ward since 1930. He is a native of Provo, Utah, who went to Long Beach, California, in 1922, and there finished his schooling. He was married to Wanda Lucille Blanchard of Chester, Idaho, in November, 1929. In 1924

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## COMING EVENTS

- Friday, February 11th, Scout-Beehive Berkeley chapel.
- Friday, February 18th, Musical Review by Deseret Club, Berkeley chapel, benefit new organ.
- Tuesday, February 22nd, Alameda ward dinner-dance and auction, benefit building fund, in Scottish Rite Temple, on Lake Merritt.
- Friday, March 11th, Gold and Green Ball, Scottish Rite Temple, Lake Merritt.
- Friday, February 25 and Monday, February 28, District basketball tournament for championship.

## STAKE OFFICERS TO MEET FEBRUARY 10

The first meeting of Stake officers under the new plan of quarterly meetings will convene at the Oakland Chapel Thursday evening February 10th. It is requested and expected that every Stake worker in the auxiliaries, the Priesthood quorums and the High Council be present, together with their partners, bringing a box lunch.

The plan is to make these quarterly meetings semi-social in nature, and the first one will be devoted principally to getting acquainted with one another and one another's problems. A committee on arrangements for the meeting consists of Delbert Wright, as chairman, Vinal Mauss, Sarah Carruth and Mary Scott.

## TEMPLE EXCURSION IN APRIL

For the benefit and assistance of those joining the Temple pilgrimage in April the following committees will supply information upon request:

Transportation: Jerry Larsen, Frances Olsen, and Leo Crandall.

Temple and Records: George Southgate, Effie Southgate and Myrtle Larsen.

Clothing: Ruth Shurtleff.

Housing: Eugene B. Jacobs, A. E. H. Cardwell, and Loraine Powell.

Juniors: Blanche Jacobs, Victor Lindblad, Lenore Wood, Mary Dunham, Elsie Brown, and Don Wood.

Temple goers will be pleased to know that a special meeting in the Temple assembly room is being arranged for them immediately after conference. Special arrangements are being made for baptismal work for juniors. Both adults and juniors should make application to their bishops for recommends early, as it is necessary that all Temple recommends be signed by the Stake President. All prospective brides and grooms are encouraged to join the pilgrimage and be married in the Temple.

## STAKE SECURITY PROJECT TAKING SHAPE

Approval has been received from the Church Security Board for the exchange of a vacant lot owned by the Church in east Oakland for a larger piece of property in the industrial section to be the activity headquarters of the Stake security program. The new lot is large enough to house a comprehensive plant and sheds, and still have room for a garden and nursery. Tentative plans call for the erection of a custodian's cottage, a larger two story building for workroom, sewing, canning and similar purposes, a commodious shed for the storing of wood and other materials. There will be space for a nursery to supply shrubs and flowers for beautifying Church properties, and a fair sized garden. Much of the material for the buildings will be derived from the wrecking of the large building at present occupying the lot recently purchased for the Alameda ward chapel.



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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and  
he will prepare the way before me; and the  
Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to  
his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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## THE MESSENGER HEARS FROM OLD FRIEND

"Gordon Square, London.  
"Dear President Harmon:  
"The Messenger" for December,  
1937, has just reached my desk. The  
matter it contains is so full of inspira-  
tional and uplifting Gospel messages  
that I can't resist the temptation to  
send you once more my hearty con-  
gratulations.

"You know President Hilton and I  
were both born in Millard County.  
This may have something to do with  
my having an unusual interest in a  
Stake over which as President he pre-  
sides.

"You and your associates seem to  
have a way of putting into print only  
those things that we are anxious to  
read. It is the faith and faithfulness  
and devotion of groups of Church  
workers like your own selves and  
others in the Oakland Stake that are  
making the work of the Church in all  
the world go forward with such swift-  
ness, such effectiveness today.

"With congratulations and best  
wishes, I am

"Sincerely your friend and brother,  
RICHARD R. LYMAN,  
President, European Mission"

## HIGH COUNCIL MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Alameda: Don C. Wood, Charles M. Maurer.  
Berkeley: Victor Lindblad, Elmo Carr.  
Dimond: Grant Ellis, Vinal Mauss.  
Hayward: Claude M. Dewsnup, Ross McClellan.  
Martinez: Ray H. Fisher, John M. Telford.  
Oakland: O. Leslie Stone, Rolyat T. Cox.  
Pittsburg: William J. Nielsen, Raymond Larsen.  
Richmond: Delbert F. Wright, Clare C. Hunt.  
Vallejo: Nathan G. Tolman, Stanley Dahlin.  
Special attention is called to the fact that sacra-  
ment services in Pittsburg branch are held im-  
mediately following Sunday School. Those assigned to  
Pittsburg should go in time to attend Sunday School.

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### STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Commemorating in a single month  
the birthdays of two of our country's  
outstanding patriots cannot but cause  
the hearts of thinking men and women  
to glow with justifiable pride and  
gratitude for the heritage which is  
ours. A moment's reflection will bring  
each individual face to face with the  
question, "what is expected of me if I  
would be a true patriot?"

We cannot all be "fathers of our  
country" or "liberators of a race," but  
we can all be true patriots. A man is  
a true patriot who is loyal to his  
country's flag and the great purposes  
for which it stands; loyal to his home  
and jealous of its integrity; loyal to  
high ideals and unwilling to sacrifice  
them for hollow pleasures; loyal to  
his family and eager for its welfare;  
loyal to friends and worthy of their  
trust; loyal to God and anxious to  
please Him.

"We believe in being subject to  
kings, presidents, rulers, magistrates,  
and in obeying, honoring and sustain-  
ing the law."

A wise Father has given His child-  
ren a system of laws and regulations  
which will bring lasting joy and peace  
to the hearts of all those who obey.  
"He that keepeth the laws of God hath  
no need to break the laws of the land."  
All Latter Day Saints who live up to  
the high ideals for which our fathers  
lived and died will be patriots in very  
deed.

May God help us each to fulfill our  
individual destinies, is the prayer of  
your brethren,

EUGENE HILTON  
W. GLENN HARMON  
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

### M-MEN—GLENER BANQUET

A crowd well over 100 attended the an-  
nual "M" Mens—Gleaners banquet which  
was held at Hotel Alameda, Friday, Janu-  
ary 21. The theme of the affair was basket-  
ball and the tables were cleverly decorated  
with cellophane wrapped basketballs with  
paper streamers going from one table to  
another. Charles Stamp, Stake M Men presi-  
dent, introduced Shirley Beatty as toast-  
mistress who called for the following re-  
sponses: to the rooters, Viola Lauper; to  
the winners, Roy Minson; to the Team,  
Barbara Martin; to the captain, Clifton  
Boyack; to the losers, Jim Margotts; and to  
the all stars, Charles Stamp. Afton Stout  
sang three vocal solos, accompanied by  
Karlton Driggs.

The all-Stake basketball team, which was  
picked by a poll vote of all the players in the  
league, was announced, and a challenge  
accepted to play an all-Stake team from  
San Francisco Stake. Garney Johnson was  
selected as coach. The selection follows:  
First team: John Olson, Berkeley, captain  
and guard; Jack Shields, Oakland, and Gene  
Johnson, Dimond, forwards; Bob Garner,  
Alameda, guard. The second team consisted  
of Ted McBride, Carl Wachter, Benny Cra-  
gan, Don Webster and Earl Margott. Hon-  
orable mention went to Bill Hawley, Bob  
Kent and Trueman Leathercott.

### GRANT TOLMAN RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan G. Tolman of Elm-  
hurst are happy over the return of their  
son, Grant, from his mission labors in Aus-  
tralia. Grant was one of the speakers at  
the recent conference.

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### NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

Herbert A. Van Noy, of Dimond ward,  
has been selected to succeed Reed Chase as  
business manager of the Messenger.  
He is well qualified  
by experience to  
carry on the work.  
He has been with  
Safeway Stores  
since 1922, the past  
four years as a  
store supervisor.



Herbert A. Van Noy

A native of Rich-  
mond, Utah, Van  
Noy enlisted in the  
army in 1917 and  
served during the  
war. In 1920 he  
was married to  
Oneeta Lewis from  
Lewiston, in the  
Logan Temple.  
They have three children. Prior to moving  
to Dimond ward some three years ago, they  
lived in Sunset ward, San Francisco Stake.  
Both have been active in the M.I.A.

### RECREATION TRAINING INSTITUTE

Oakland Stake has been invited to partic-  
ipate as a sponsor in the forthcoming  
Recreation Training Institute at the Uni-  
versity of California. The invitation, ten-  
dered by the Superintendent of Recreation  
of the City of Oakland in behalf of that city,  
the city of Berkeley and the University of  
California, has been accepted by the Stake  
Presidency.

The institute will be held from May 16th  
to June 10th, and both day and evening  
classes will be held in the fields of arts and  
crafts, music and nature activities. A small  
tuition will be charged. More information  
will be available through Mr. and Mrs. Sam  
Scott who are in charge of the work for the  
M.I.A., and have been delegated by the Stake  
Presidency to assist in the Institute plans.

### MARGARET SIMONS MONSON

Margaret Simons Monson, wife of Dr.  
Lafayette P. Monson of Berkeley, died at  
Berkeley, Wednesday evening, December 23,  
1937, of double pneumonia, leaving surviv-  
ing besides her husband, two daughters, Eli-  
zabeth, 11, and Joanne, 9; her father and  
mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. Simons of  
Delta, Utah; two brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Monson was born at Payson, Utah,  
July 29, 1901. She attended the Granite  
High School, the L. D. S. University and  
the University of Utah. In 1924 she married  
Dr. Monson and was with him while he  
finished his work in the medical department  
of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1931  
the Monsons moved to California where the  
doctor has been specializing in the nose  
and throat.

Mrs. Monson was active in Church work,  
serving as a counselor on the Stake board  
of the M.I.A., and at the time of her death  
as a counselor in Berkeley ward M.I.A.

The remains were shipped to Salt Lake  
City for burial.

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### WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE

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#### Preservation of Health

Mormonism is a practical religion. It con-  
cerns itself with the temporal as well as the  
spiritual welfare of the members of the Church.  
In this it is in full accord with the teachings  
of the Church in all dispensations and with  
the revelations given in these latter days.

The care of our bodies—the preservation of  
health—has been enjoined upon us frequently  
by the Lord through revelation and by his  
servants, our Church leaders, in current teach-  
ings. Not only in the Word of Wisdom, but  
in other revelations, are we urged to preserve  
with zealous care the temples of our souls.

Our bodies are really the only things we  
actually possess. All of our worldly belongings  
will be left behind forever when we leave this  
world. But our bodies, resurrected and purified,  
are to be ours eternally. Should we not, then,  
guard and preserve them from defilement, from  
pollution, from the things that bring "a  
ness, illness, suffering and untimely death?"

The Word of Wisdom, important as it is—  
and certainly every true Latter-day Saint will  
observe it faithfully—is only a part of the  
great law of health. It deals with food and  
drink, the internal phases of health. But there  
is more to health than what we eat and drink.  
Much of the sickness, suffering, and death  
among us come from other causes.

Cleanliness, sanitation, purity of life proper  
rest, training from excessive fatigue or any  
form of dissipation, freed from worry, caution  
in auto driving, and in handling other mech-  
anical devices are all related to the preserva-  
tion of health and the enjoyment of life.

Cur bodies, our health, our lives are precious.  
We should guard and preserve them in every  
possible way

### OAKLAND WARD REORGANIZED

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he was employed by the Pan American  
Petroleum Company at Wilmington, trans-  
ferring to the Shell Oil Co., in 1926, where  
he has since been engaged. He is now Chief  
Clerk at the Head Office Purchasing and  
Stores Department, with office in San Fran-  
cisco. His Church activities have been heavy  
since coming to Oakland: Stake secretary  
for M.I.A., member Elders' Quorum presi-  
dency; Ward superintendent M.I.A.; mem-  
ber Stake Sunday school board; charter  
member and second president of the Mormon  
Male Chorus; Stake missionary; and last  
but by no means least, business manager  
of THE MESSENGER.

John Rulon Doxey was sustained as sec-  
ond counselor to Bishop Norberg. He was  
born at Ogden, January 5, 1907, the fourth  
child of John and Loretta B. Doxey. He was  
educated in public schools of Ogden, Weber  
College, and University of Utah (graduat-  
ing in 1931), where his outstanding work  
won him a teaching assistantship in eco-  
nomics at the University of California. At  
the latter institution he did graduate work  
in economics and received an M.A. in 1933.  
Prior to his university work, from 1926 to  
1929, he filled a mission to the British Isles,  
serving as Manchester district president for  
one year. He is at present employed in the  
statistical and economics research depart-  
ment of the California Packing Corporation.  
He was a member of Berkeley ward for a  
number of years, where he was active as a  
teacher in Sunday school and as a super-  
visor of Aaronic priesthood. In July, 1935,  
he was married to Edna Ekins and moved  
to Oakland ward, where he served a year as  
M.I.A. superintendent, and then became a  
member of the Sunday school superinten-  
dency.

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### PITTSBURG BRANCH SUSTAINS NEW OFFICERS

The general organ-  
ization of the new  
Pittsburg branch was  
completed January 2  
under the direction  
of Presidents Har-  
mon and Summer-  
hays and Stake  
Clerk Anderson. El-  
der Francis Mellor,  
previously chosen as  
the new branch pre-  
sident, has selected  
as his counselors Ed-  
win Carlyle Hinckley  
and Scott August  
Nelson, and as clerk  
Gerwin Blake Rid-  
ing. They were sus-  
tained by the unanim-  
ous vote of the mem-  
bers, following which they were set apart  
to their respective callings and each ad-  
dressed the gathering briefly.

A highlight of the service was the pres-  
ence of S. E. Hinckley and wife of Ogden,  
Utah, uncle and aunt of the new first coun-  
selor. Elder Hinckley gave a brief but elo-  
quent talk and officiated in setting his  
nephew apart.

President Mellor, who has been a resident  
of Pittsburg for the past twelve years, has  
during all that time been foreman of the  
foundry at the Columbia Steel Mills. He is  
a native of Derbyshire, England, born Jan-  
uary 18, 1877. He attended grammar school  
in Derbyshire and in 1891 became a steel  
molder. Three years later, in May, 1894, he  
was married to Lily Allen. In 1901, some  
37 years ago, he was converted to Mor-  
monism, becoming a member of the Shef-  
field conference. In 1907 he brought his  
family to Salt Lake City. He moved to Cali-  
fornia in 1923. A man of sterling qualities,  
he will be an ideal leader for the new  
branch.

First Counselor Hinckley, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Edwin S. Hinckley, comes of a family  
long prominent in Church affairs. He was  
born at Provo, Utah, June 25, 1896, and was  
educated in the common schools there and



Edwin Carlyle Hinckley  
1st Counselor

Francis Mellor  
President

Scott August Nelson  
2nd Counselor

in the Brigham Young University. He en-  
listed in Battery B, 145th Field Artillery in  
April, 1917, and served until January 19,  
1919, when he was honorably discharged.  
From 1919 to 1921 he filled a mission  
in the south Texas conference of the Cen-  
tral States Mission. In 1922 he was married  
to Emma Jacobs of Ogden. He served as  
superintendent of the M.I.A. of Pioneer  
ward, Utah Stake in 1929-1930. In 1924 he  
was employed by the Columbia Steel Com-  
pany and in 1930 became safety engineer.  
He was transferred to Pittsburg in 1936.

Second Counselor Nelson was born in  
Smithfield, Utah, June 16, 1903. He was  
converted to the Church about 10 years ago  
and since then has been most active. He has  
been engaged in Sunday school work in  
Pittsburg branch for eight years, serving  
a large part of that time as superintendent.  
He, too, is employed by the Columbia Steel  
Company.

Clerk Riding, born at Springville, Utah,  
November 24, 1909, was educated in the  
Springville public schools and seminary. He  
has been reared in the Church and has been  
active in Sunday School, M.I.A., and Priest-  
hood work. Since moving to Pittsburg in  
1936 he has served in the Sunday School  
and as a Stake missionary.

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Please add the following name to the  
Messenger Mailing list:

(Name) .....  
(Street) .....  
(City) .....  
(Ward) .....



## BERKELEY WARD YOUTH IS MARRIED IN TEMPLE

William Martin Jefferies of Berkeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Jefferies of Grantsville, Utah, and Lucille Crowton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Clark of Salt Lake City were married on December 27 in the Salt Lake Temple. The ceremony was performed by J. Reuben Clark, of the First Presidency. A reception in honor of the young couple was given on the evening of December 27 at Grantsville, which was attended by a large crowd of their friends. Martin has been active with the Berkeley "M" Men as one of their first team basketball players. They will make their home in Berkeley where Martin is working with a contracting company.

## MALE CHORUS ACTIVITIES

On February 13th the Mormon Male Chorus will participate in the memorial services to the hero dead of the battleship Maine and of the Spanish-American war veterans. The services will be held at the Soldier's Memorial Building at Harrison and Grand.

The Chorus held its first annual conference at the Oakland chapel January 16th, under the direction of Mission President I. B. Ball. The chorus has served continuously as a missionary organization for several years, all its members having been duly called and set apart for that purpose.

Immediately following the conference, the chorus was heard in its regular bi-weekly radio broadcast. This broadcast is to be heard over station KROW on alternate Sundays, at 5:30 P.M.

## OAKLAND STAKE MISSION NEWS

### New Missionary Appointments:

Vinal G. Mauss to be president of the Oakland Ward District.

Adrian H. Hess to be a missionary in the Oakland Ward District.

Willmar Jackson to be a missionary in the Dimond District.

Charles M. Maurer to be a missionary in the Dimond District.

C. J. Brossard to be a missionary in the Dimond District.

D. Ross McClellan to be president of the Hayward District.

### Released recently:

Heber James Brown from the presidency of the Oakland Ward District.

Reed H. Chase of the Oakland Ward District.

## FAST OFFERINGS SHOW INCREASE

The year 1937 saw a substantial increase in the per capita fast offering of Oakland Stake, which reach the figure 77 cents as compared with 63 cents for 1936.

San Francisco Stake is deserving of a special bouquet in regard to fast offering, reaching the per capita figure for the year of 96½c. Three wards in that Stake—San Francisco, Burlingame and San Jose, reached \$1.00 per capita, the first named ward going up to \$1.78 per capita. Two other wards, Balboa and Sunset, were over 90c per capita.

Here is a mark to shoot at!

## December Statistics on Attendance and Ward Teaching

In the belief that a composite picture will help the Ward leaders to visualize their problems and chart their comparative positions with reference to other wards, and in hope of stimulating a friendly rivalry that will materially better the record of all, The Messenger herewith publishes a comparative report of the wards for the month of December, 1937, and a summary showing a comparison with the Stake for the same period of last year.

It will be noted that Stake membership has increased and average attendance at Sacrament meetings has also increased, as has ward teaching, by a substantial amount.

From time to time hereafter similar statistics will be given. There is no excellence without labor, and labor to accomplish much, must be intelligently directed.

Ward	Sacrament Meetings		Melchizedek Priesthood		Aaronic Priesthood		Ward Teaching	
	Ward Membership	Average Attendance	Membership	Average Attendance	Membership	Average Attendance	Families in Ward	Families Visited
Alameda	195	53	29	11	12	9	58	52 %
Berkeley	656	193	111	46	55	22	201	100 %
Dimond	545	142	106	37	51	25	112	25 %
Elmhurst	627	142	95	27	48	19	214	45 %
Hayward	216	70	29	13	22	14	65	88 %
Martinez	334	75	48	10	12	5	78	77 %
Oakland	578	146	90	34	37	27	121	17 %
Richmond	206	67	19	13	14	4	75	76 %
Vallejo	271	83	33	18	12	10	80	63 %
Totals & Pct.	3628	970	560	209	283	135	1004	60 %
Totals & Pct. Aug. 1936	3387	700	509	194	469	128	931	36 %

## A TOAST TO SOMEONE

Here's a toast I want to drink  
To a fellow I'll never know,  
To the fellow who's going to take my place  
When it's time for me to go.

I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be  
And I wished I could take his hand  
Just to whisper I wish you well, old man,  
In a way that he'd understand.

I'd like to give the cheerful word  
That I've longed at times to hear,  
I'd like to give him that warm hand clasp  
When never a friend seems near.

I've gained my knowledge by sheer hard work  
And I wish I could pass it on.  
To the fellow who comes to take my place  
Sometime when I have gone.

## STAKE SHOWS RAPID GROWTH

The number of persons on the records in Oakland Stake at the close of 1937 was 3953, as compared with 3628 in 1936 and 3387 in 1935. If the same rate of growth continues, Oakland Stake will have almost as many members at the close of this year as did San Francisco Stake when it was divided.

## FIRST VOLUME OF PRIZE WORK COMES OFF PRESS

"Problems and Values of Today," Volume One, prize winning text book by President Eugene Hilton, has been completed and is being distributed throughout the United States by the publishers, the Atlantic Monthly Press and Little, Brown and Company.

The book has been too recently received for an extended review at this time, but it is obvious that great care and labor have been expended to make it a work of real value and attraction. The fly leaf states that it is "a series of students' guide books for the study of contemporary life." It attacks the problem of teaching history from a new angle, placing emphasis not upon the past, but upon the present and future. This, the author says, is because emphasis on the past makes the student a mere spectator, viewing what has been; he can profit by, but cannot change the past; whereas with emphasis in the other direction, he becomes a participant, and is helped to look ahead and plan to improve what is to be.

The book is profusely illustrated with cartoons and photographs. Though designed as a high school text, it will appeal to most serious thinkers on problems of today. A copy has been presented to the Stake Library by the author and may be examined by any one so desiring.

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## WARD NEWS BERKELEY

The marriage of Merle Gleason and Everett L. Keasley took place Saturday, January 8 at the home of the bride. Bishop A. D. Erickson officiated at the ceremony, with a group of relatives present. Mrs. Herman Serpa of Oakland was matron of honor, and Richard Keasley best man. Mr. and Mrs. Keasley will make their home in Berkeley.

The Lambda Delta Sigma club has recently drawn up its new constitution, under Verle Knight, constitution chairman. It defines the purpose of the club as being for "social development, and training for leadership." The club held its first social affair at Rollerland, after which a party was held at the home of Triliss Ellsworth. About 24 members were present.

The Bee-Hive girls held a dinner party during the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Axel Severine. Twenty-one girls were present to cook and serve the meal.

February 18 is the date of the Deseret Club Musical Review. It will include dance numbers by both boys and girls, besides varied musical numbers. The proceeds will go to the new organ. Berkeley Erickson is in charge.

The new organ is still in the process of construction. Chairman of the committee, P. W. Dunyon, expects to have it installed by March 15, when Alexander Schreiner of Salt Lake will play at the grand opening.

Cleone Rogers, who was injured in an auto accident near Bakersfield during the Christmas holidays is convalescing nicely at her home in Berkeley.

Mr. J. LeRoy Latimer of Woodland and son, V. LeRoy, from Suscol Valley, Calif., spent the Christmas holidays in Berkeley with the family. Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Warner, Mrs. Harriet Brooks of Lehi, Utah, have been visiting here since September last. Mr. and Mrs. Latimer and family, who have been members of our ward for some time, are moving to Woodland this month to make their home.

## DIMOND

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherrington entertained at a delightful New Year's Eve party at their home. They were assisted in entertaining by Martha Fitzpatrick. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Kelley of Idaho Falls were the honored guests.

Miss Viola Lauper, Mutual President, chose Miss Lucille Morgan as her counselor, following the release of Miss Aurtense Cherrington, who left last week for Sacramento to accept a government position.

Mrs. Julia Fitzpatrick is happy to have her mother, Mrs. Serephine Burguet with her for an indefinite stay. Mrs. Burguet arrived last month from her home in Verriers, Belgium.

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## ALAMEDA

A Gleaner Christmas Party was held at the home of Lucille Crandall, president of the group. Lucille Morgan and Lucille Brown of the Stake Gleaner presidency were present.

Mrs. Rosina Yeaman, teacher of the Girls class at Sunday School, held a delightful Christmas party for the girls at her home December 16.

The Alameda young folks organized a Book of Mormon class to be held after Sacrament meeting each Sunday night. At the first meeting 23 were present. The adults of ward could not let the young folks beat them so, they also started a class.

The Sunday School Superintendency was reorganized to start the new year. Thys Winkle is Superintendent, with Alfred Fontano and Charles Lofthouse as counselors and Wm. B. Everett, secretary. Former Superintendent Clare Hunt was released with a vote of thanks for the good work he has been doing.

The Alameda Primary Officers and Teachers entertained the Primary children at a very lovely Christmas party Dec. 20, at 2 P.M. A beautiful tree decorated the room, and the program was followed by games and a Yule stocking. A present was given to each child.

The Primary officers and teachers gave Mrs. Effie Gilbert a surprise party last week on her retirement from Primary. She was presented with a house plant. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

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## THE MESSENGER

### VITAL STATISTICS

February, 1938

#### OAKLAND

Mrs. Fannie Willey entertained the officers and teachers of the Relief Society at a luncheon in her home on the 21st of January.

We are glad to report that Jennie Woolf has returned home from the hospital and is much improved.

Bishop and Mrs. Norberg entertained the old and new Bishopric at their home on Broadway Terrace.

Mary Randall has moved to Portland. Her many friends in the Ward wish her happiness in her new home.

George Bagley, formerly of this ward, was injured in an auto accident on Christmas Eve, and is still in a Portland hospital suffering from a broken ankle. He is now recovering.

The Oakland Ward gave a party for the retiring bishopric on January 28, which duly showed the appreciation of the work of these men in our ward.

The Oakland choir, under the able direction of James Kay, is gathering momentum, and they are now holding their weekly practice on Thursday nights.

#### MARTINEZ

Mr. Gunn of the Wilford Ward, Grant Stake, of Salt Lake, was a visitor at Sunday School January 16th.

A record attendance of 112 at Sunday School January 16th gives promise of greater achievements here.

Bromwell Cox was the speaker at our Sacrament meeting January 16th.

Bishop Abbott was notified of the death of his father who resided in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and who had been ill for many months. We extend our sincere sympathy to the Bishop and family.

#### VALLEJO

The Mutual and Sunday School Christmas party was a very successful event. A delightful program was given, after which Santa appeared and distributed candy in pretty cellophane bags to the children.

On January 2, the Mutual conducted the Sunday evening services, which consisted entirely of home talent, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The ladies of the Relief Society gave an enjoyable surprise party to Elsie Taylor, January 7, at the home of Ruby Larsen. Elsie has been an ardent worker in Relief Society, Primary and Sunday School, and is leaving Vallejo to make her home in Oakland. Elbert Taylor is the former Supt. of Vallejo Sunday School. Tuesday, January 11, the Bee-hive girls entertained the Mutual group after the lessons, with a one-act play entitled "Cabbages and Kings." It was well presented and heartily enjoyed by all.

Vallejo high priests and their wives motored to Berkeley January 14 to be among the group who enjoyed the evening with a basket lunch and social held in the Berkeley ward recreation hall.

Sunday, January 16, we were pleased to have as our evening speaker, Don C. Wood of the High Council, and Werner VonDorp, a Stake missionary. Mrs. Wood and two small sons accompanied her husband to Vallejo.

#### BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Tolman Clayson, a son, January 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross McClellan, a girl.

#### BLESSINGS:

Don Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Chapman, Oakland.

Caroline Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wright.

Ronald William Reno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reno, Berkeley.

Sue Jayne Hall, Dimond.

Helen Rahlfs, Dimond.

#### CONFIRMATIONS:

Katherine Lovedahl, Berkeley, January 2.

Merlynn Swenson, Berkeley, January 2.

Ray Clark, Berkeley, January 2.

Janis Claire Humphreys, Dimond, January 2.

Emma Schimpf, Dimond, January 2.

Wm. A. Alsassen Jr., Dimond, January 2.

Katherine Joyce Myers, Dimond, January 2.

#### BAPTISMS:

Doris June Vicks, Alameda, January 1, 1938.

Robert Wm. Vicks, Alameda, January 1, 1938.

Earl Dale Harmon, Alameda, January 1, 1938.

#### ORDINATIONS:

H. Elmer Lathrop, Vallejo, Priest.

Raymond Pedersen, Vallejo, Priest.

Floyd Loomis Jr., Hayward, Deacon.

Marvin Daniels, Deacon, Dimond.

John Jenkins Poelman, Priest, Dimond.

Howard Ballis Evans, Priest, Dimond.

Eddie Howe, Priest, Dimond.

#### MARRIAGES:

William Martin Jeffries and Lucile Crowton, in the

Salt Lake Temple, December 27.

Everett L. Kearsley and Merle Gleason, in Berkeley,

January 8.

Maurice E. McFadden and Inez Goodsell, at San

Jose, January 3.

N. Keith Christensen and Beth Checketts, by Bishop

Stewart, January 9.

#### DEATHS:

Frank William Campbell, infant son of Mr. and

Mrs. Frank Campbell, December 21, 1937.

Margaret Simons Monson, wife of Dr. L. P. Monson

of Berkeley, December 23, 1937.

#### HAYWARD

The Bishopric have made assignments to the Priesthood and the auxiliaries to start the campaign towards building a chapel.

Keith Christensen and Beth Checketts were married at the Christensen home by Bishop Stewart.

The Maurice McFaddens kept their wedding such a secret that it only got into the Salt Lake papers. These young folks plan to go to the Temple in the spring.

The officers and teachers that worked with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rounds gave them a party to wish them goodbye. They have moved into the Dimond Ward. We are hoping that they will like it there.

The Boy Scouts received their Charter on the 18th. The Dimond Scouts under Scoutmaster Sam Scott put on a program which formally introduced them to the work.

The MIA has begun rehearsal on a three act play under the direction of Nellie Petersen.

The Ross McClellans made it possible for our Bishop to become a grandfather. They are entertaining an eight pound girl at their home.

The paper drive of the teachers and deacons is one of the main topics of interest now. They have gathered three tons so far this month, with the teachers less than two hundred pounds ahead. It is a real battle because the losers have to put out a chicken dinner.

The Priesthood groups meet at 9:15 every Sunday morning with Sunday School taking up at 10:30. The Priesthood has responded fine to date, let's keep up the good work.

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